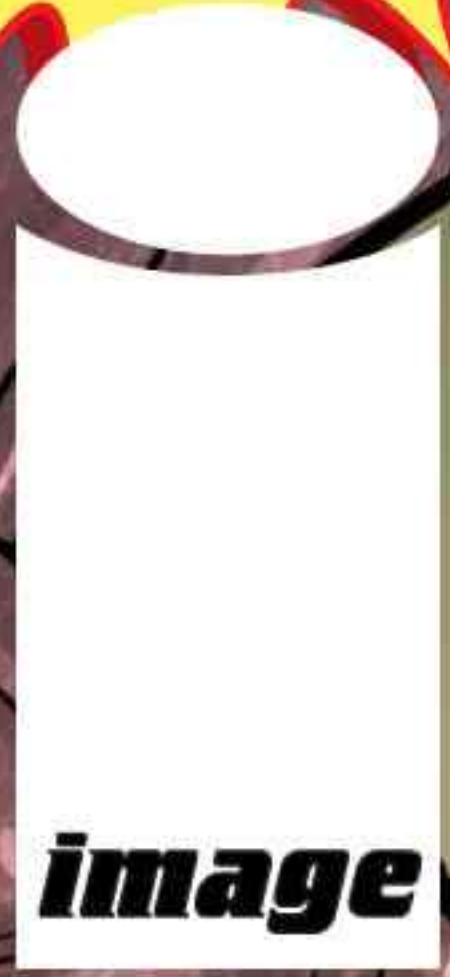


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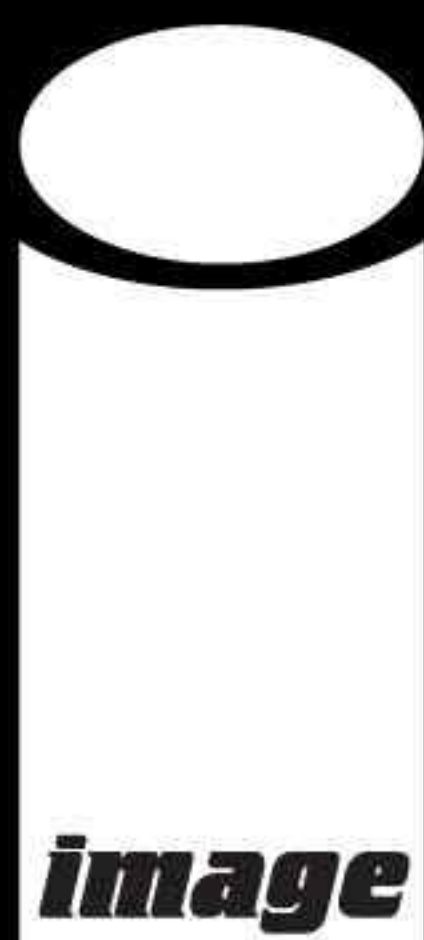


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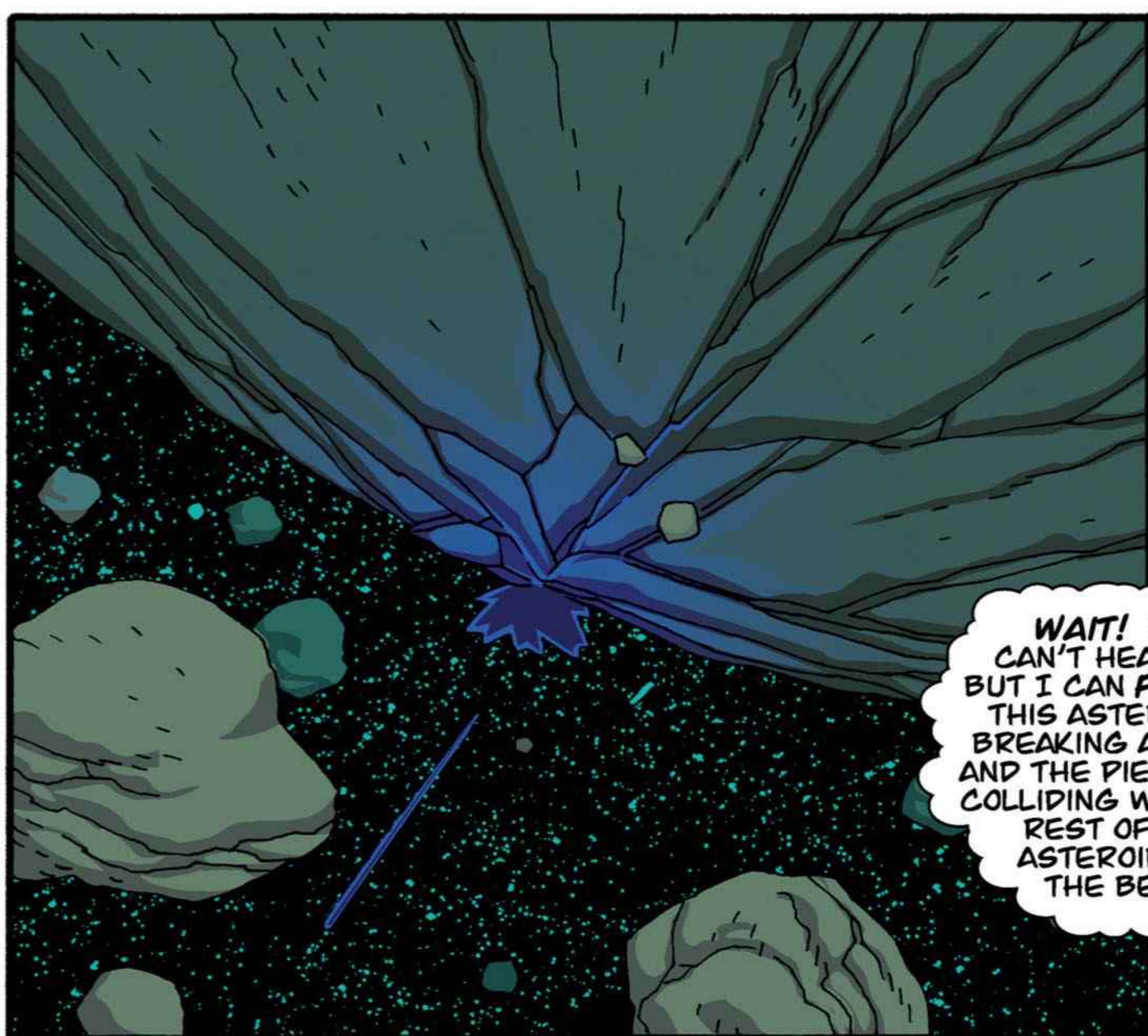
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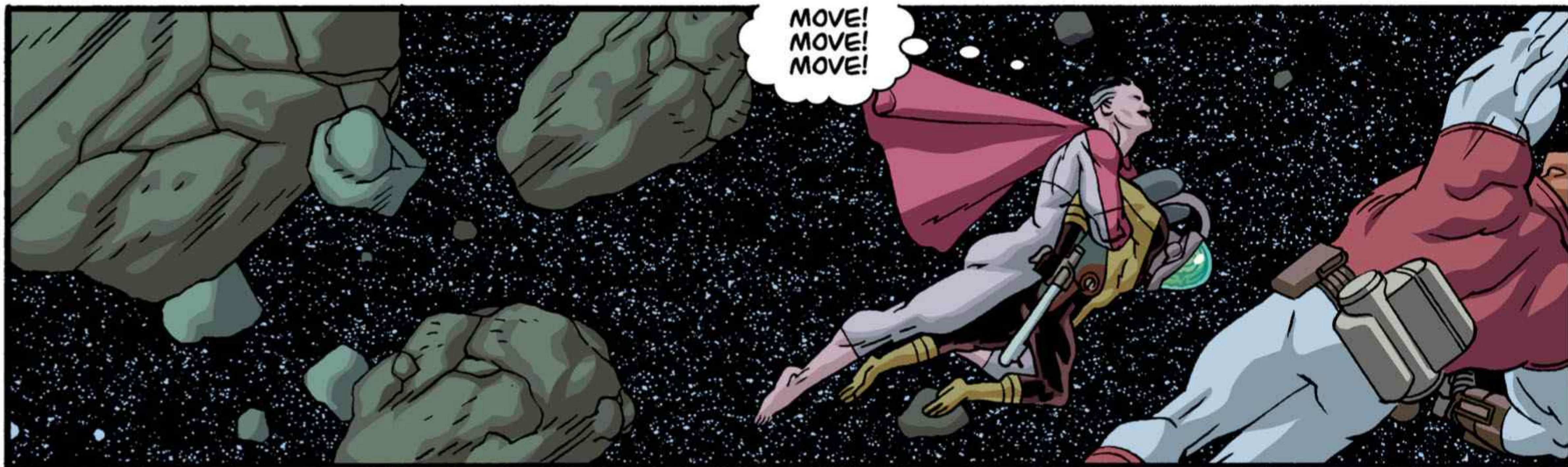
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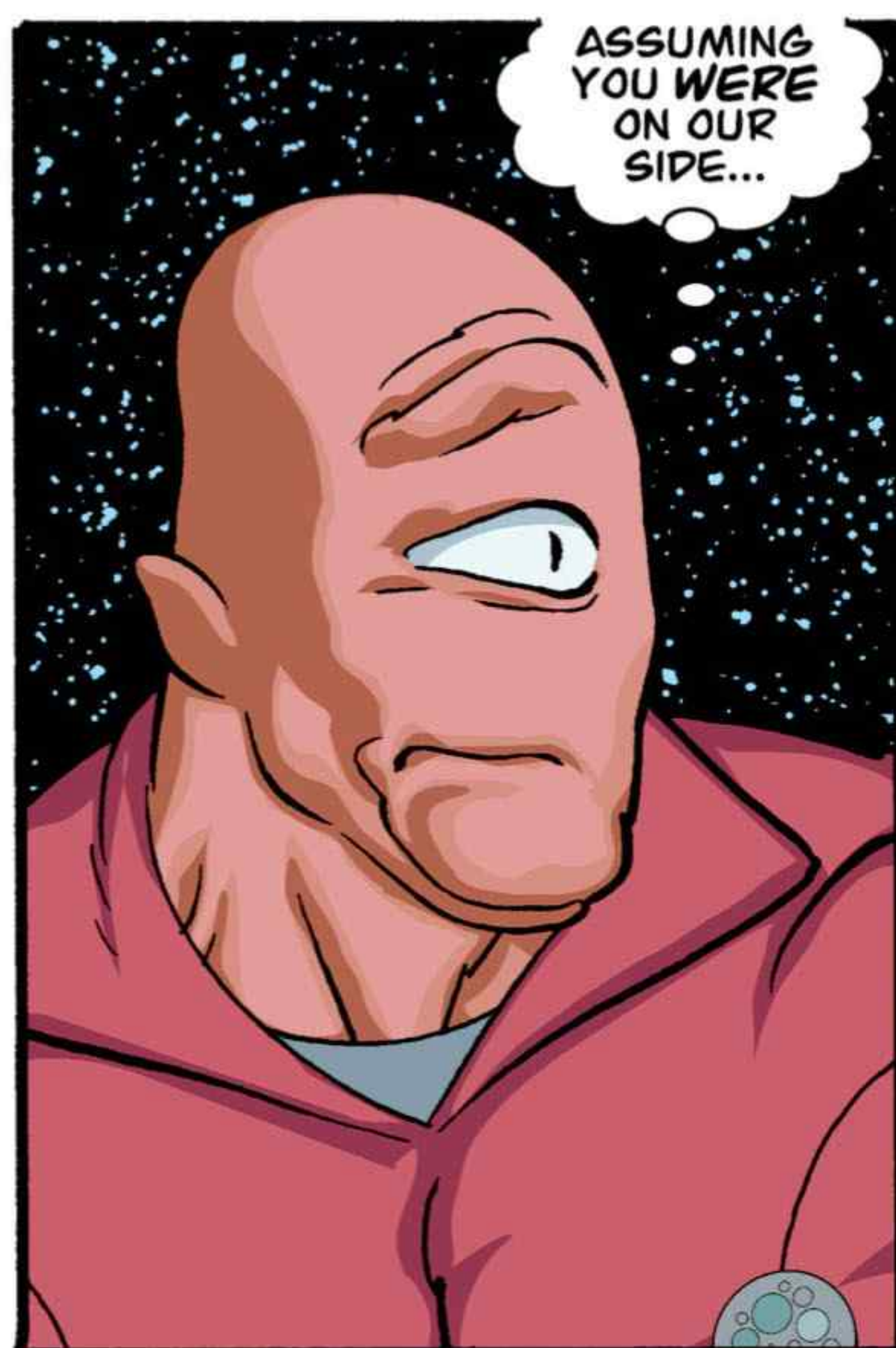
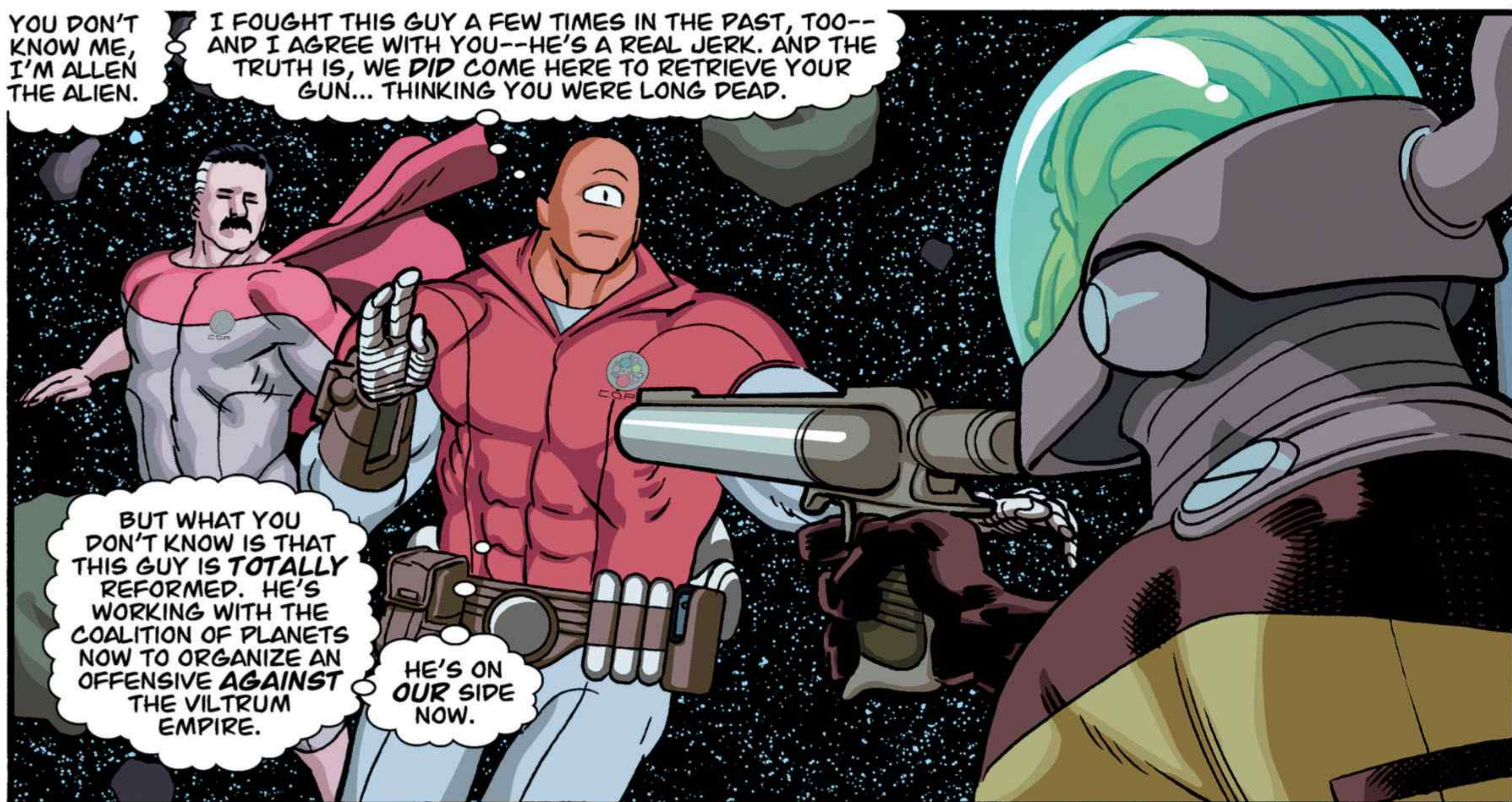
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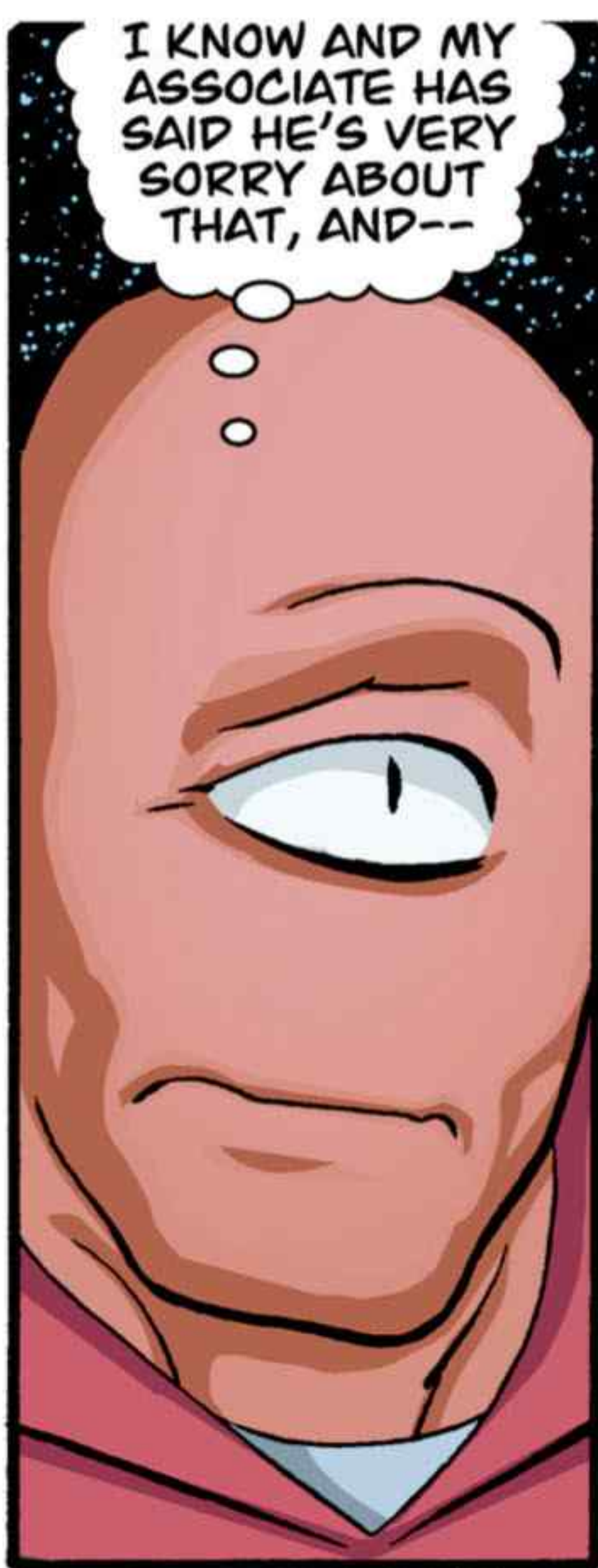


WE COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH WHATEVER ASSURANCES---

I HAVE BEEN BURIED UNDER THAT RUBBLE FOR NEARLY ONE-HUNDRED YEARS...



I KNOW AND MY ASSOCIATE HAS SAID HE'S VERY SORRY ABOUT THAT, AND---



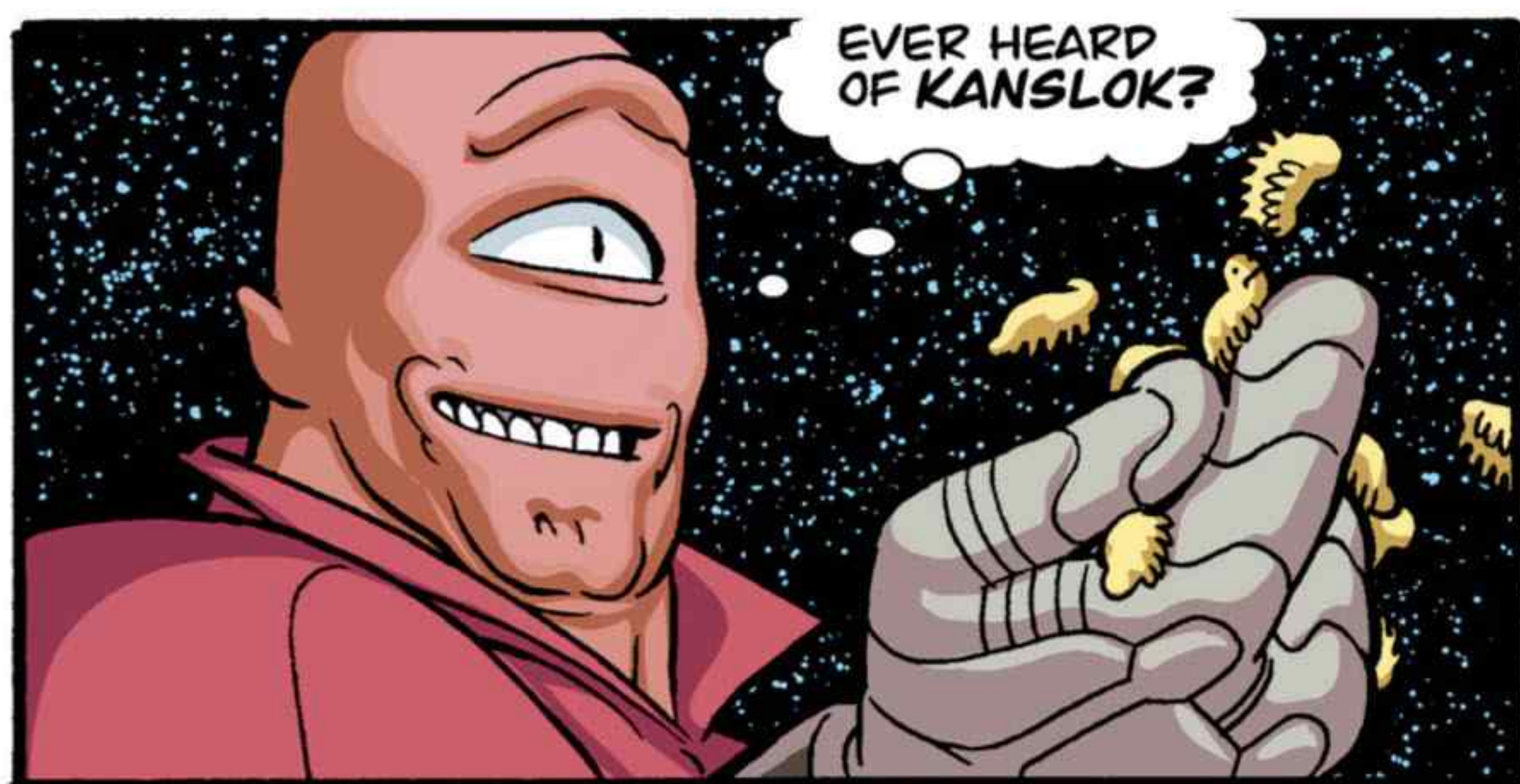
DO YOU HAVE ANY FOOD?



SURE DO! JUST GIVE ME A SECOND...



EVER HEARD OF KANSLOK?



PASS.



I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU BACK TO THIS SUPPOSED COALITION STRONGHOLD, BUT MY GUN WILL NEVER SHIFT FROM YOUR DIRECTION.



CROSS ME--AND IT WILL BE YOUR END.

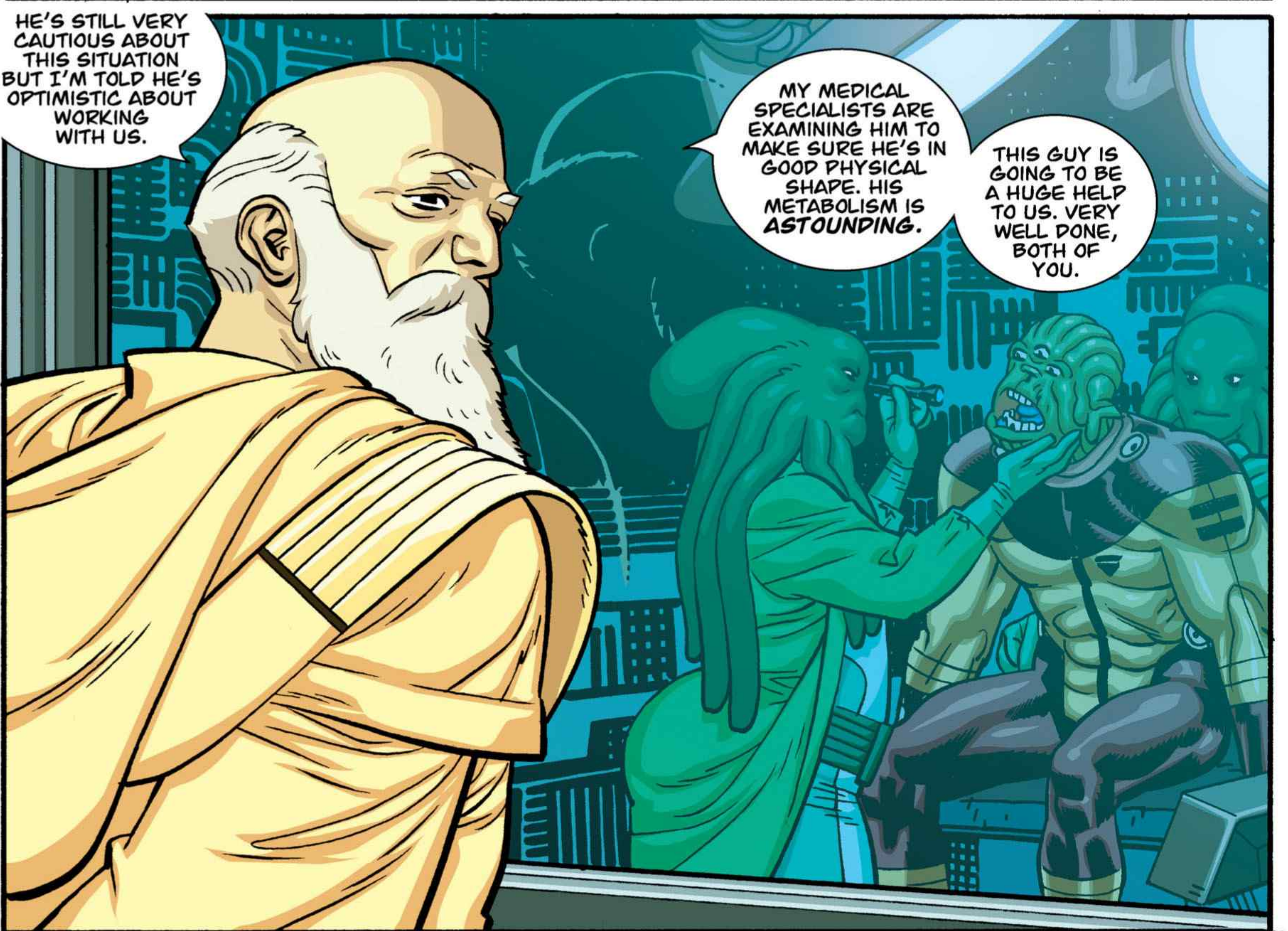
OOH, SCARY.



HEH.



HIDDEN AMONG THE TOWERING SKYSCRAPERS OF TELESORIA LIES THE CENTRAL BASE OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS.



HE'S STILL VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS SITUATION BUT I'M TOLD HE'S OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WORKING WITH US.

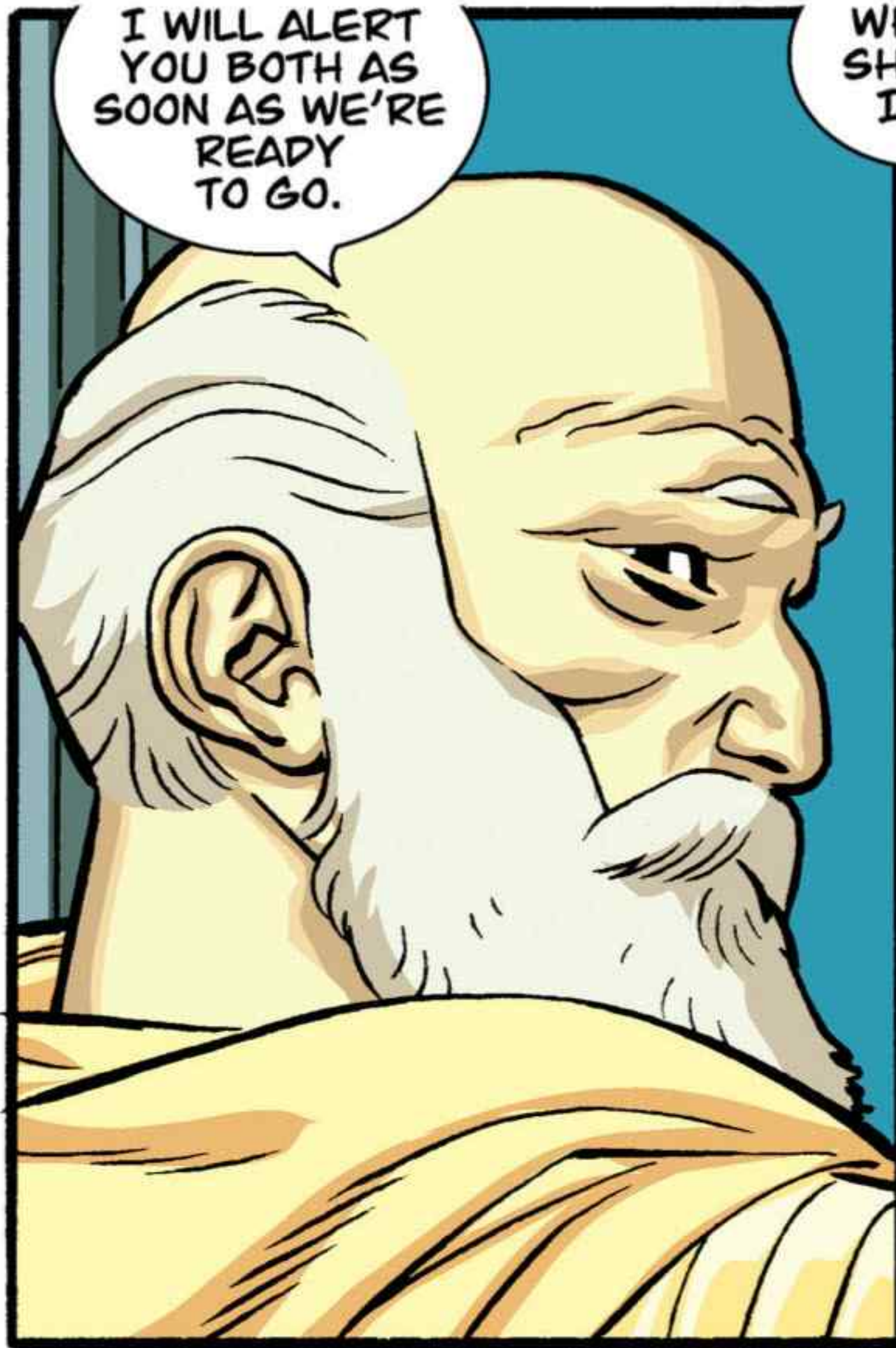
MY MEDICAL SPECIALISTS ARE EXAMINING HIM TO MAKE SURE HE'S IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE. HIS METABOLISM IS ASTOUNDING.

THIS GUY IS GOING TO BE A HUGE HELP TO US. VERY WELL DONE, BOTH OF YOU.



THANK YOU, GREAT THAEDUS.

I'M GOING TO HEAD HOME WHILE YOUR TEAM ASSEMBLES FOR OUR NEXT MISSION. YOU SAY IT COULD BE TWO DAYS BEFORE THEY ARE READY?



I WILL ALERT YOU BOTH AS SOON AS WE'RE READY TO GO.



WHERE SHOULD I--?

ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'RE CRASHING AT MY PLACE, BUDDY!





THE ROGNARR ARE VICIOUS, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL. WHEN THE VILTRUMITES DISCOVERED THIS RACE OF MONSTERS, THEY SENT A FEW TEAMS HERE TO TRY AND DESTROY THEM-- TO **DISASTROUS** RESULTS. THESE THINGS ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE.

WITH ALL THIS ICE-- HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THEM?

FINALLY, I CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF USING A SOLAR DISK TO BLOCK THEIR SUN-- FREEZING THEM. IF THESE THINGS THAW OUT WHILE WE'RE HERE-- WE'RE IN TROUBLE.

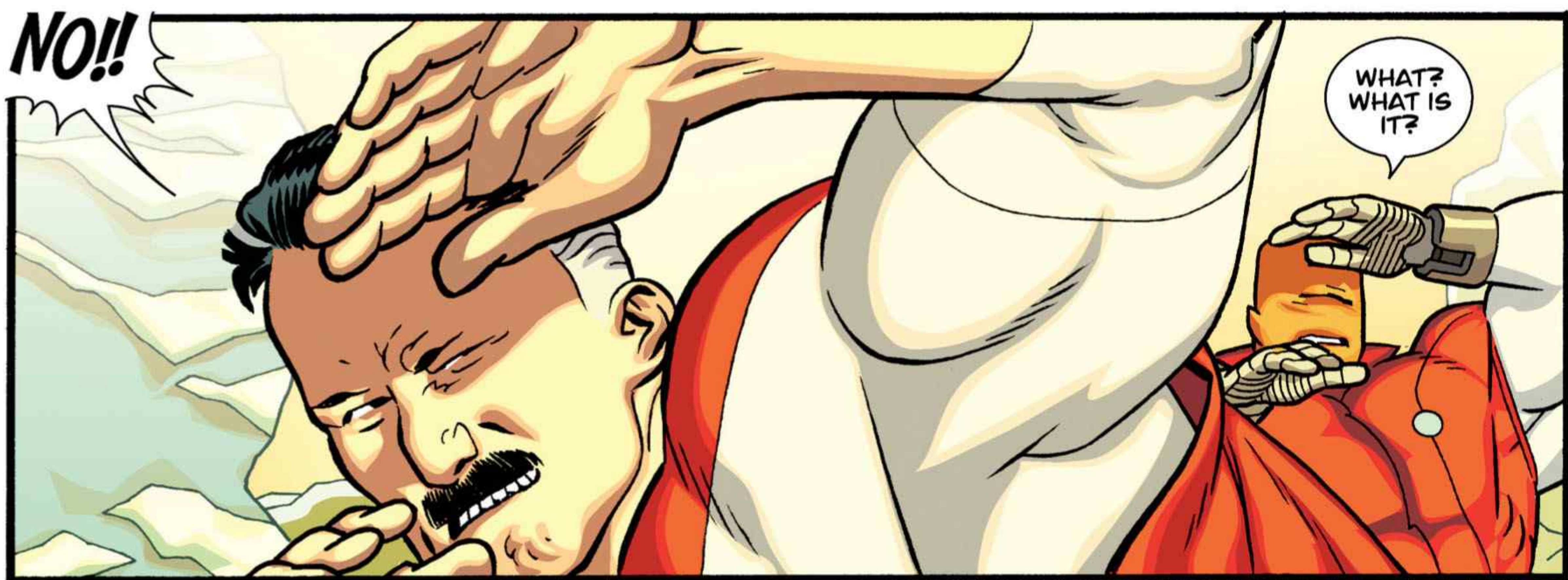
YOU'RE RIGHT.

NOLAN TO BRIDGE. WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO PREPARE A TEAM TO TRANSPORT THESE THINGS TO THE CARGO HOLD BEFORE THEY **COMPLETELY** THAW OUT. THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO FIND THEM IS BY REMOVING THE SOLAR DISK.

WE CAN HANDLE THAT ON OUR OWN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DOWNLOAD, FIRE AT WILL.





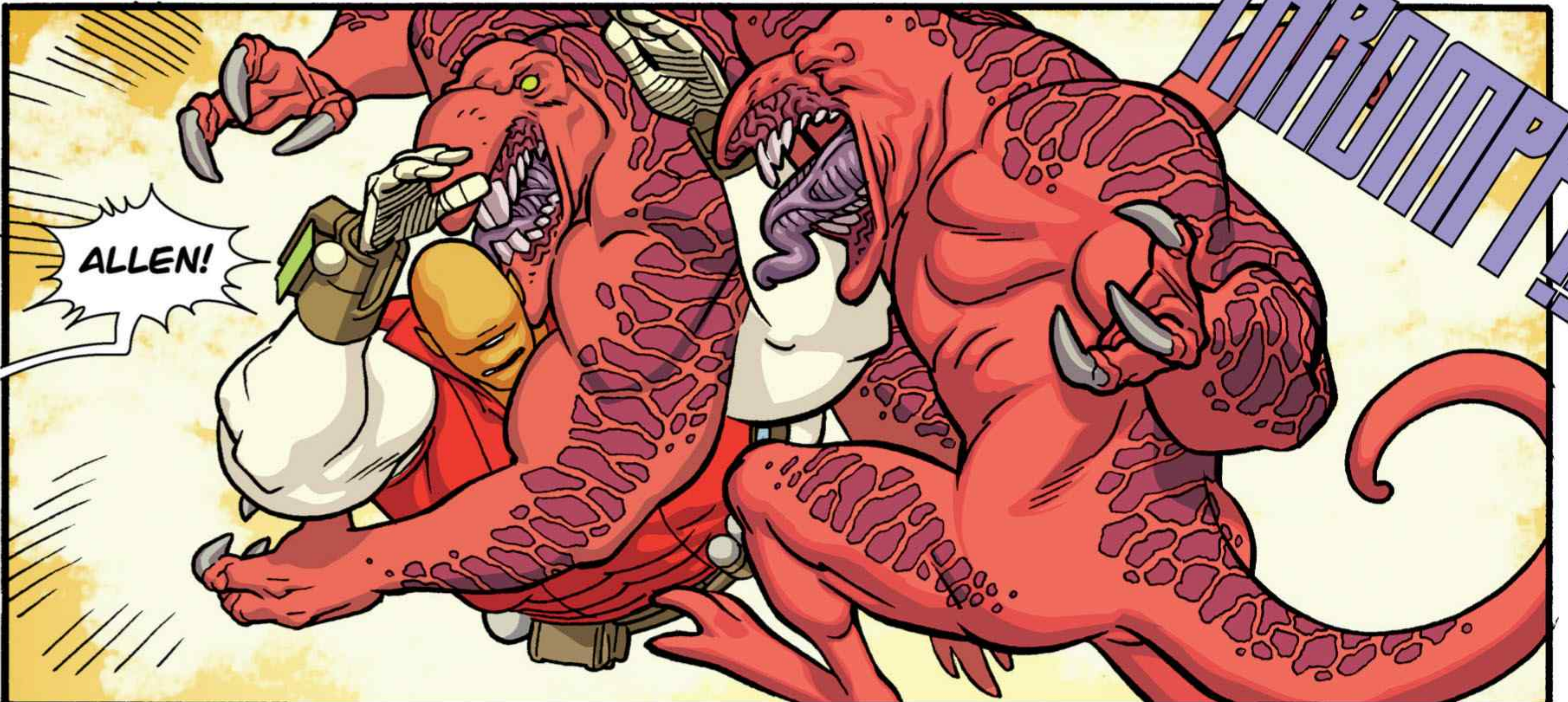




GO! JUST GET OUT OF HERE, NOW! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

I CAN HELP YOU!

NO! JUST--

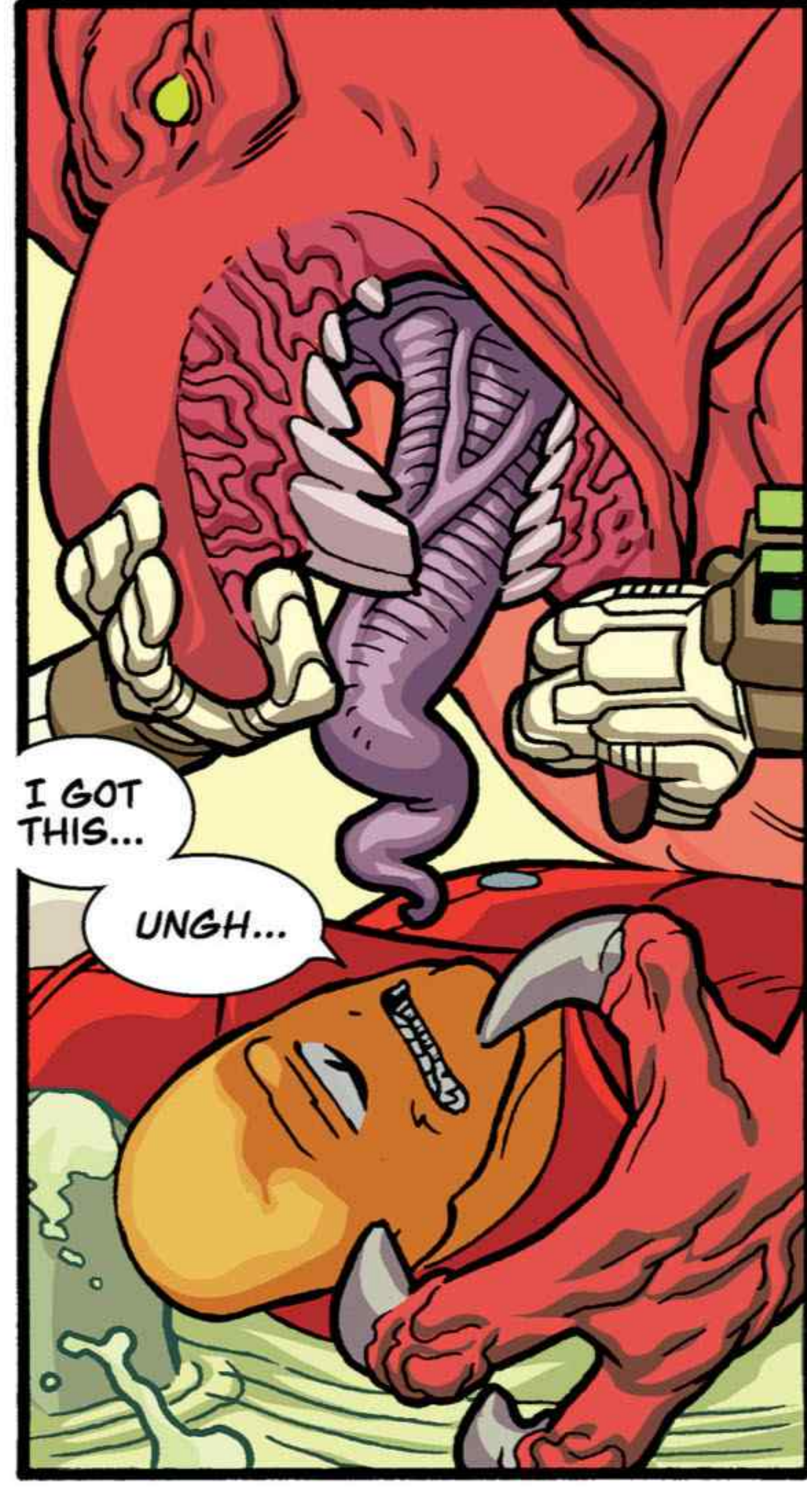


ALLEN!

THROMP!



WRAAAA!



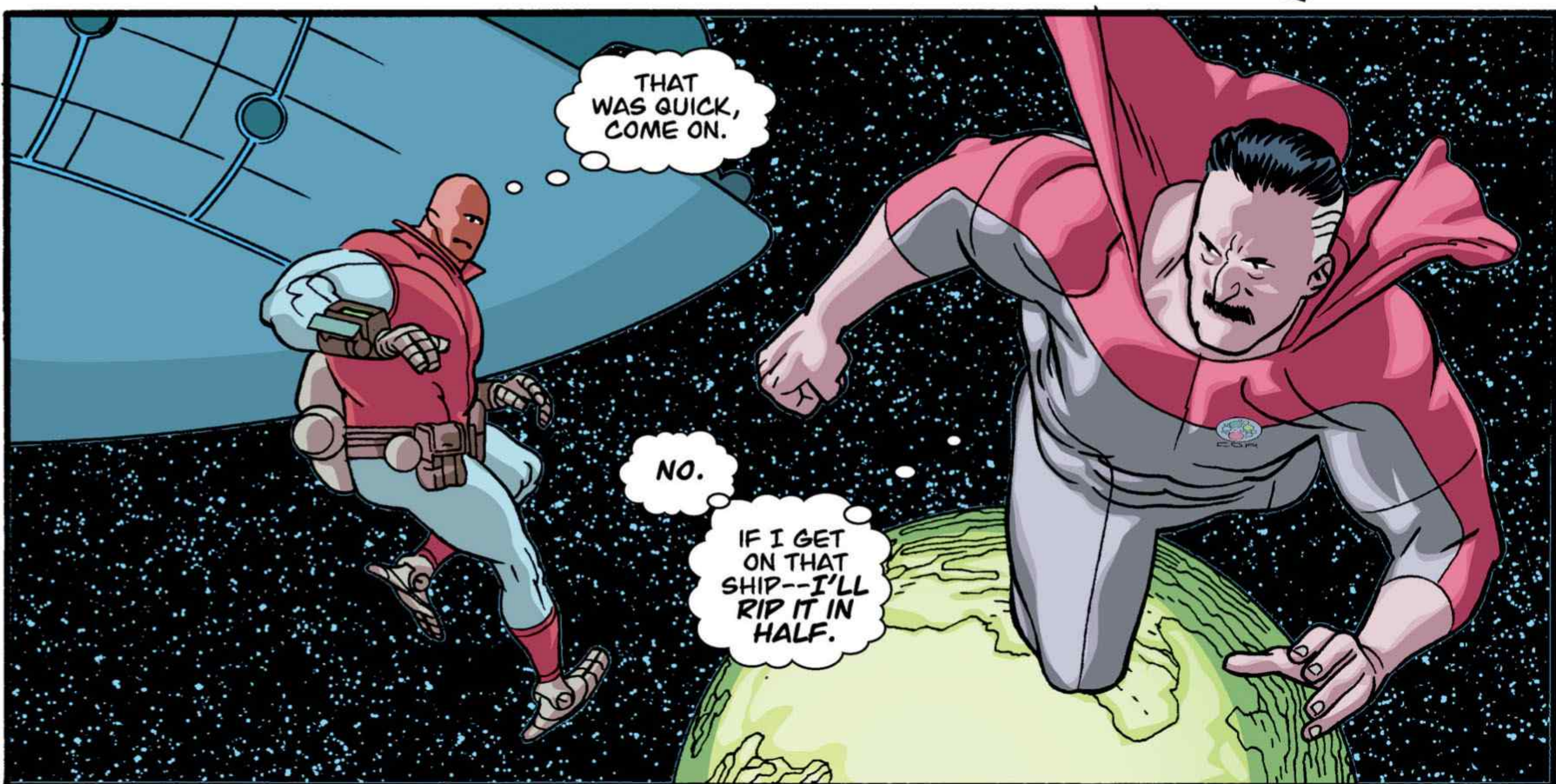
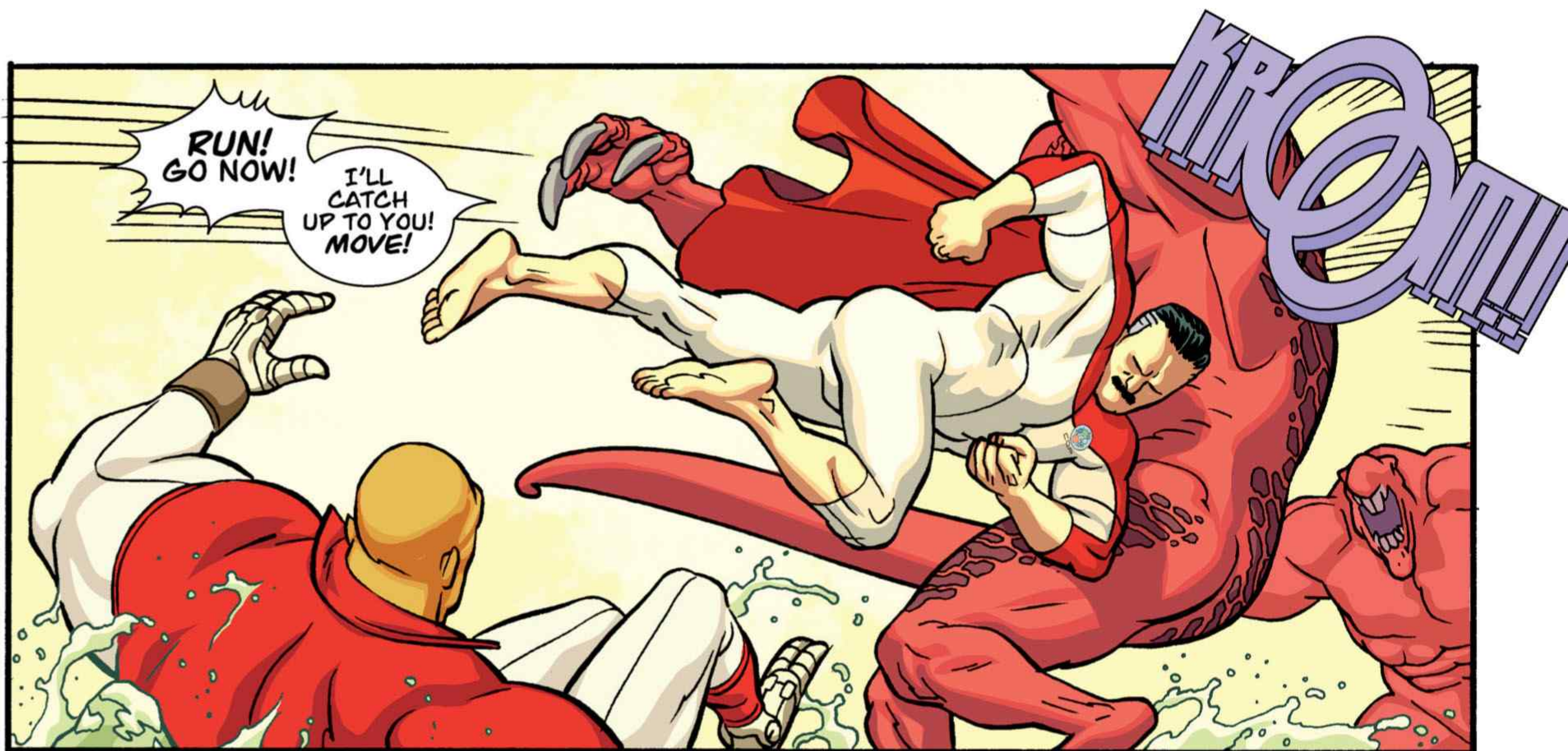
I GOT THIS...

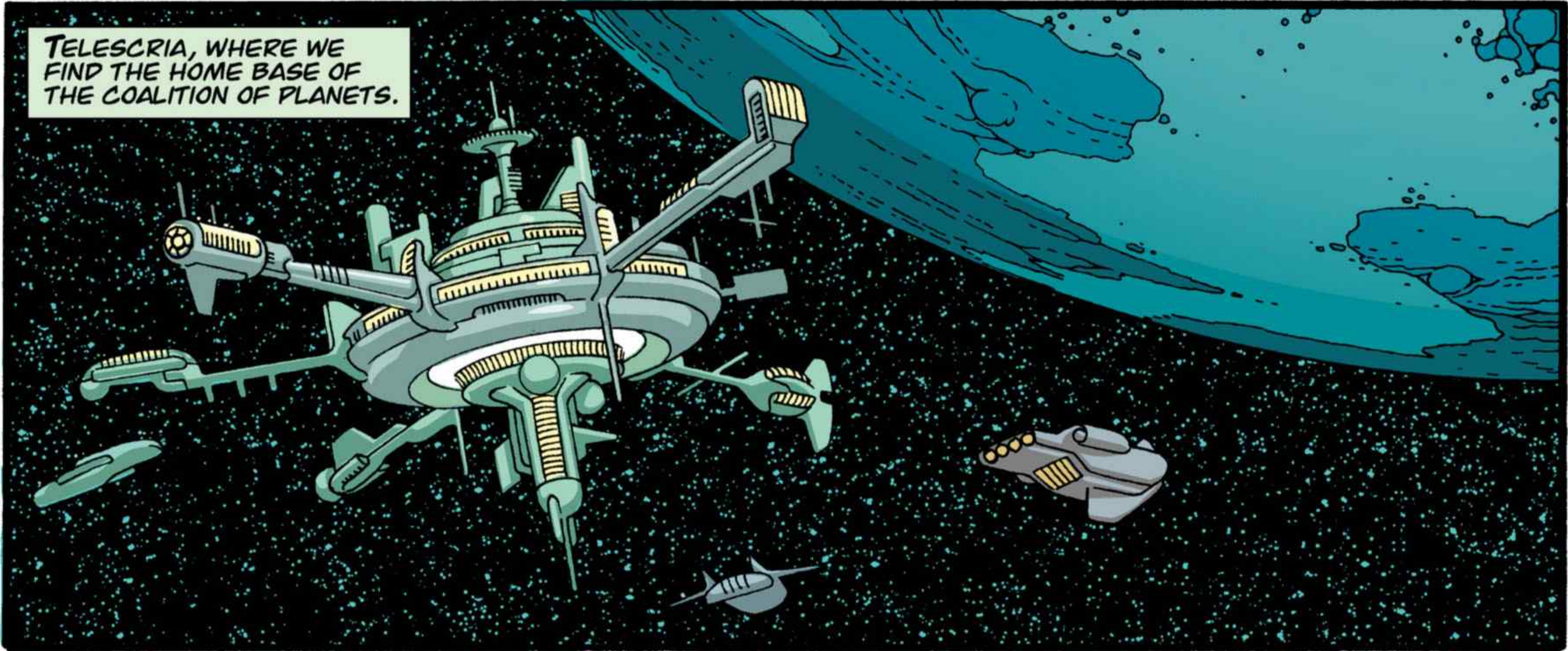
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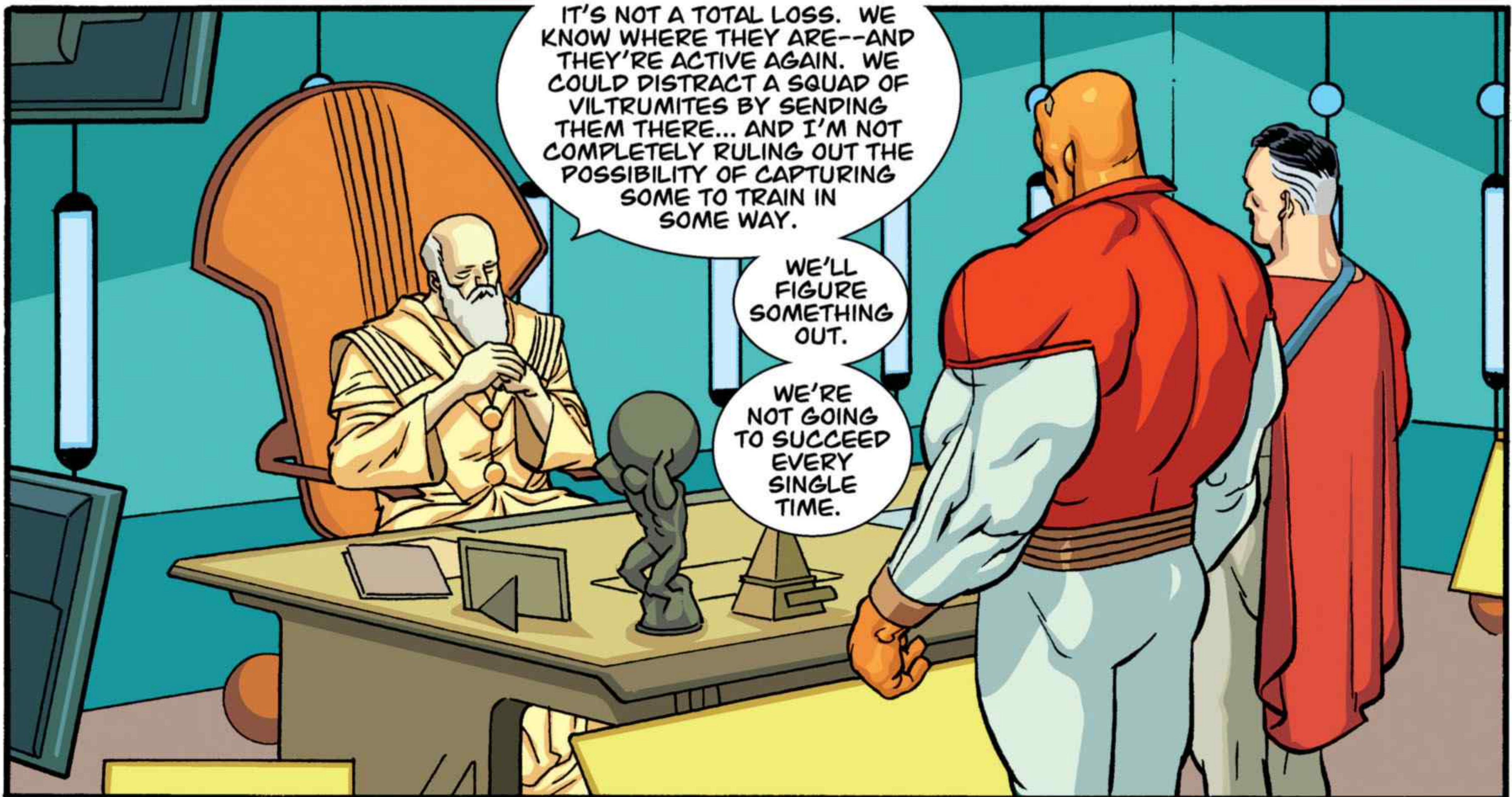
NO, YOU DON'T! THESE THINGS EAT VILTRUMITES ALIVE!

THE ONLY REASON WE'RE LASTING THIS LONG IS THAT THEY'RE STILL GROGGY FROM BEING FROZEN!





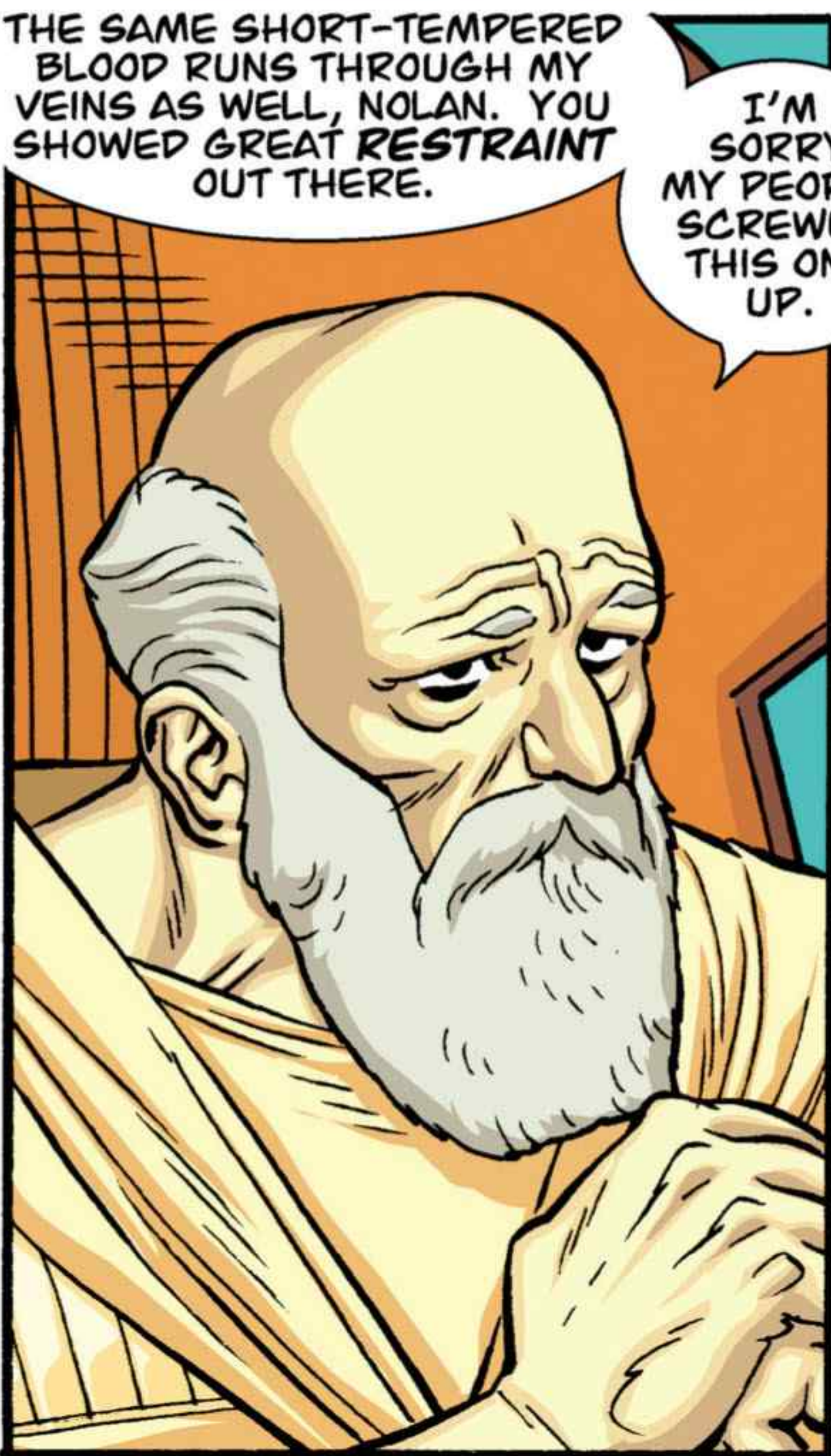
TELESCRIA, WHERE WE FIND THE HOME BASE OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS.



IT'S NOT A TOTAL LOSS. WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE--AND THEY'RE ACTIVE AGAIN. WE COULD DISTRACT A SQUAD OF VILTRUMITES BY SENDING THEM THERE... AND I'M NOT COMPLETELY RULING OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CAPTURING SOME TO TRAIN IN SOME WAY.

WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO SUCCEED EVERY SINGLE TIME.



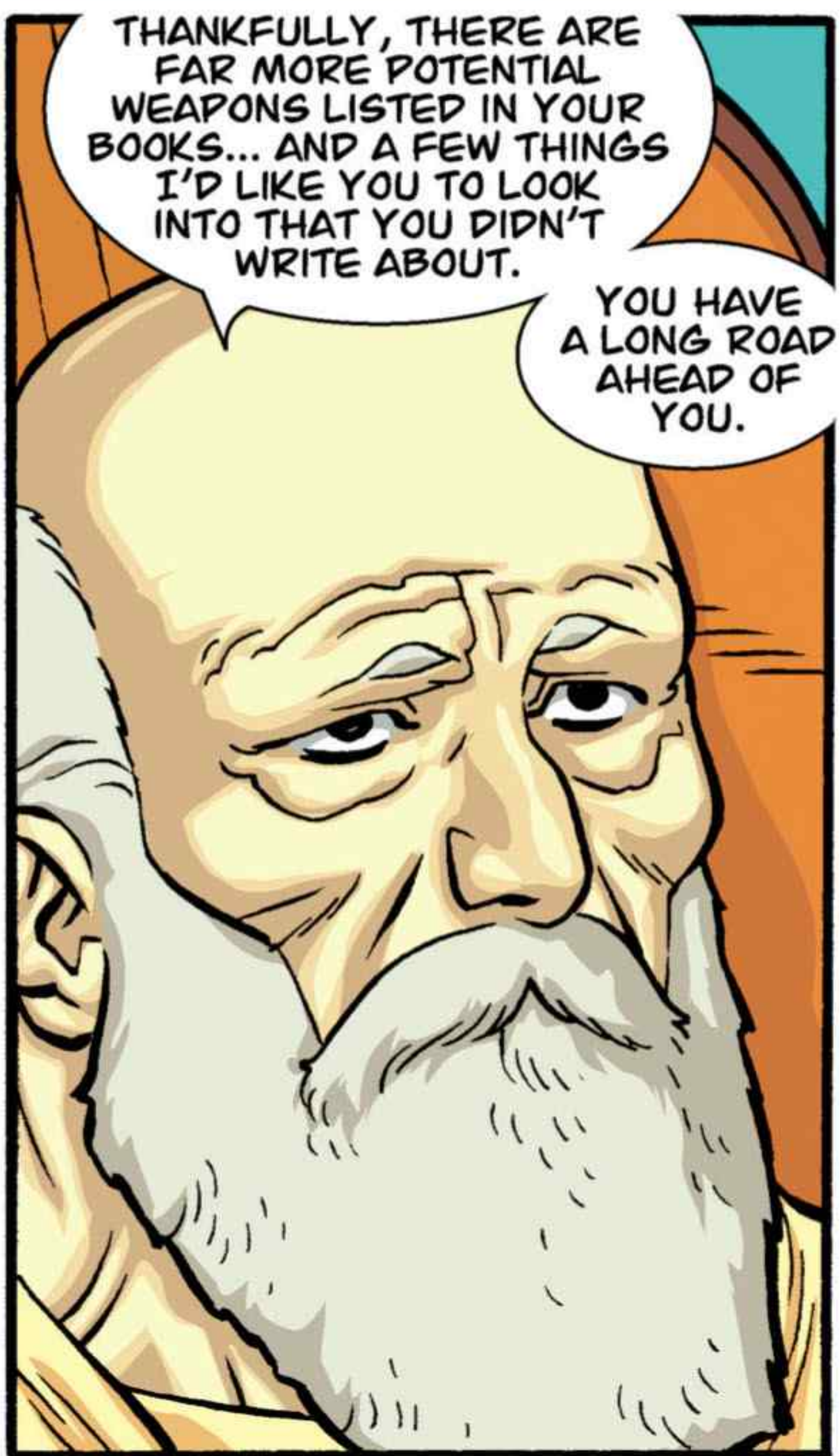
THE SAME SHORT-TEMPERED BLOOD RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS AS WELL, NOLAN. YOU SHOWED GREAT RESTRAINT OUT THERE.

I'M SORRY MY PEOPLE SCREWED THIS ONE UP.



BEST NOT TO BRING IT UP.

SERIOUSLY.



THANKFULLY, THERE ARE FAR MORE POTENTIAL WEAPONS LISTED IN YOUR BOOKS... AND A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK INTO THAT YOU DIDN'T WRITE ABOUT.

YOU HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF YOU.

THE KLAXUS PLANT IS **POISONOUS** TO VILTRUMITES. IT CAN'T KILL US--BUT IT WOULD MAKE US PRETTY EASY TO DEFEAT IN AN OTHERWISE EVENLY MATCHED FIGHT.

THE PROBLEM IS THE PLANT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** TO KEEP FROM GROWING. IT NEEDS VERY LITTLE WATER OR SUNLIGHT AND GROWS AT AN INSANELY RAPID RATE.

SO... WE INFESTED THIS PLANET WITH THESE SINLAK BEETLES, WHICH EAT THE PLANT FASTER THAN IT CAN GROW--AND ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO EXTERMINATE.

MAYBE WE CAN EXTRACT SOME OF THE POISON FROM PLANT MATERIAL INGESTED BY THE BEETLE...

IT IS TRUE, WE WERE ABLE TO FEND OFF THE VILTRUMITE SPONSORED KRESH INVASION OF GELDARIA.

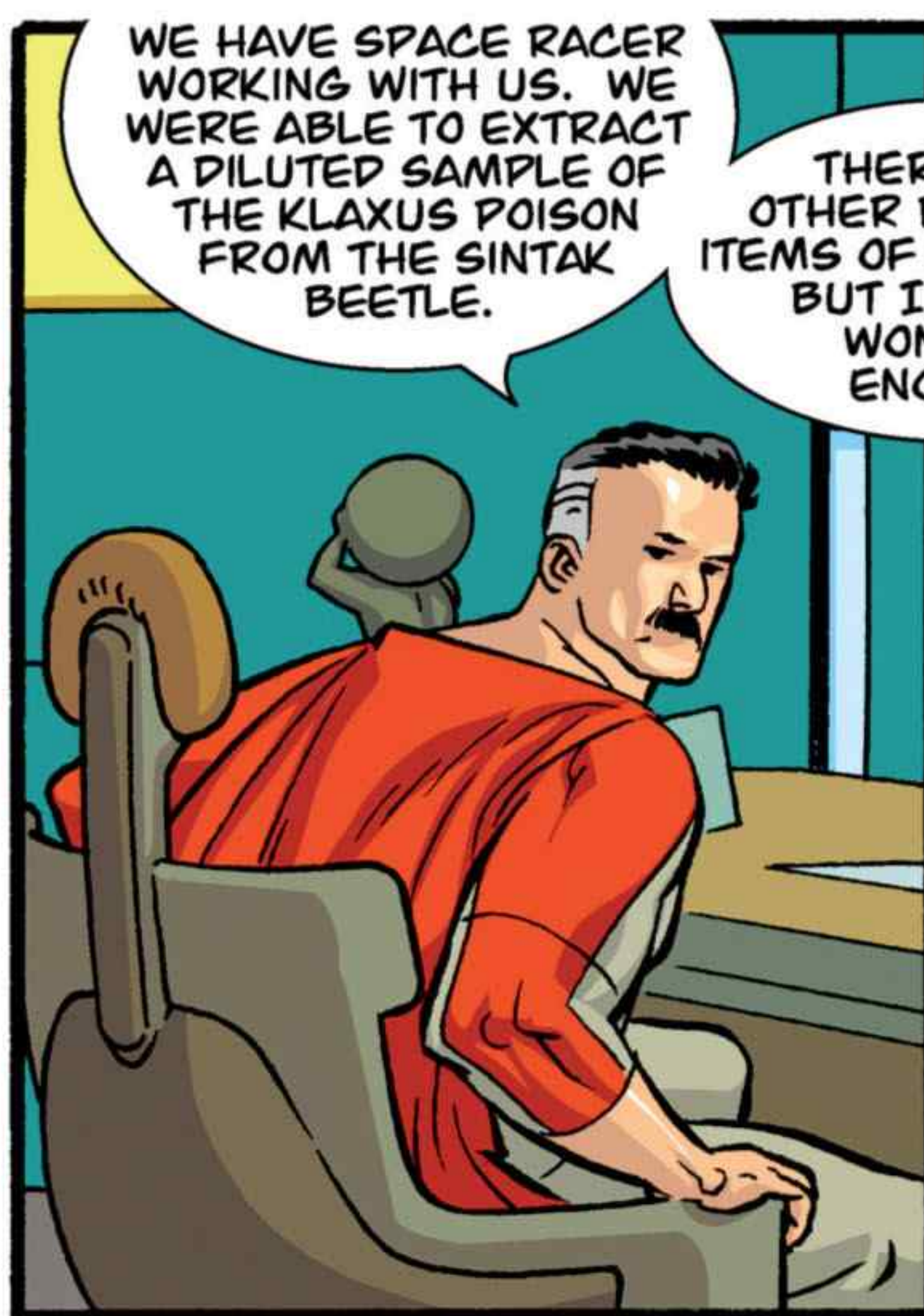
THERE IS ONE THAT MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU.*

*HOLY CRAP! HE'S TALKING ABOUT TECH JACKET! YOU SHOULD TOTALLY ORDER THAT TRADE PAPERBACK, DUDE.

THEIR OLD MIGRATION PATHS CAME RIGHT THROUGH THIS SPOT ON THE STARMAPS.

IF WE COULD CATCH ONE OF THESE IT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP. **SPACE SHARKS** ARE BAD NEWS.







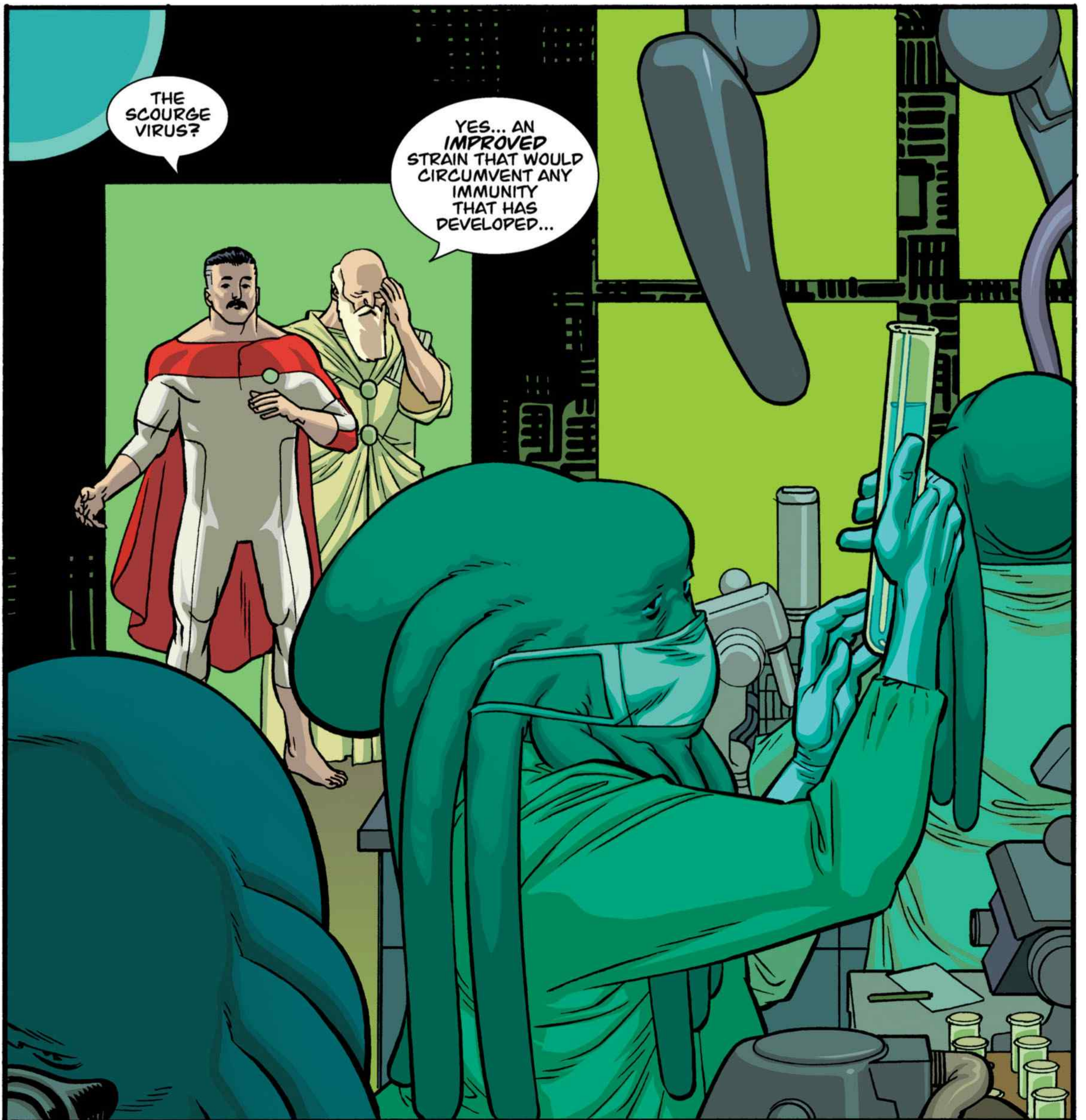
WHEN YOU TOLD ME OF OUR PEOPLE'S GENOCIDE... I WASN'T COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED.

I TURNED MY BACK ON MY PEOPLE BECAUSE I GREW TO BELIEVE THEIR ACTIONS TO BE, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD... **EVIL**. I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO BRINGING AN END TO THEIR TYRANNY.

I WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO BRING AN END TO THIS AGE OF VIOLENCE AND FEAR. BUT I NEVER KNEW... I WAS UNAWARE OF THE **EXTENT** OF THE DAMAGE I'D BROUGHT TO THE VILTRUMITES.

STEP THROUGH THIS DOOR.

THE WORST THING TO EVER HAPPEN TO OUR PEOPLE... IT WAS MY GENETIC SIGNATURE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE...



THE
SCOURGE
VIRUS?

YES... AN
IMPROVED
STRAIN THAT WOULD
CIRCUMVENT ANY
IMMUNITY
THAT HAS
DEVELOPED...



AND ALTHOUGH IT
COULD MEAN **SUICIDE**
FOR US AND THE
POTENTIAL EXTINCTION
OF OUR PEOPLE...

...IF I BELIEVE
OUR CAUSE TO
BE LOST, I WON'T
HESITATE TO
USE IT AGAIN.